



Did you know ...

- ? The statewide safety belt use rate is 84.8%. That means 1,667,184 Michigan residents are at risk because they do not wear safety belts.
- ? Occupants in crashes were 33 times more likely to be killed if they were not wearing their restraints.
- ? The economic loss from traffic crashes in Michigan in 2002 is already more than \$3.62 billion.
- ? Michigan ranks #13 nationally for statewide safety belt use, nearly 10 percentage points lower than Washington and California.

How you can help ...

- !! Notify traffic safety partners, your family and friends, and the people you do business with that safety belts are your best insurance policy while traveling on Michigan roads.
- !! Demonstrate your support of local law enforcement by contacting them directly or sending a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.
- !! Ask local merchants if they would be willing to display a safety belt message at their business.



Contact the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning
at 517-333-5318 for more information.